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SUBJECT: SECTION 301 PETITION FILED BY CHARLIES REHFELDT, LAI FU
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1. REFTEL PARA. 3 REQUESTED INFORMATION ON JAPANESE IMPORTS OF
TELEVISION SETS, REFRIGERATORS, AIR CONDITIONERS AND OTHER HOME
APPLIANCES. FOLLOWING FIGURES ARE DOLLAR/YEN VALUES OF
IMPORTS OF THESE PRODUCTS (INCLUDING PARTS) FROM U.S. FOR
1975 AND JANUARY - JUNE 1976 ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL GOJ
IMPORT STATISTICS. (CONVERSION RATE: 1975, 297 YEN TO 1 US
DOLLAR: 1976, 295 YEN TO 1 US DOLLAR). ALL FIGURES APPROXIMATE
AND ROUNDED.

2. FOR 1975, IMPORTS TO JAPAN FROM U.S. ARE: T.V. RECEIVERS
\$75,000 (YEN 22.3 MILLION), REFRIGERATORS \$20,849,000
(YEN 6.2 BILLION), AIR CONDITIONERS \$5,925,000 (YEN 1.76 BILLION),
OTHER HOME APPLIANCES \$8,182,000 (YEN 2.4 BILLION). 1975
TOTAL IMPORTS \$35,031,000 (YEN 10.4 BILLION). FOR FIRST
SIX MONTHS OF 1976, IMPORTS TO JAPAN FROM U.S. ARE T.V.
RECEIVERS \$28,000 (YEN 8.3 MILLION), REFRIGERATORS \$505,000
(YEN 149 MILLION), AIR CONDITIONERS \$1,701,000 (YEN 502
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MILLION), OTHER HOME APPLIANCES \$4,110,000 (YEN 1.2 BILLION).

1976 TOTAL IMPORTS (THRU JUNE) \$6.3 MILLION (YEN 1.9 BILLION).
IMPORT DUTY ON ALL CATEGORIES IN 4 PERCENT.

3. REFERENCE ALSO MADE IN REFTEL TO JAPAN'S EXPORTS OF THESE
PRODUCTS TO TAIWAN. OFFICIAL GOJ EXPORT FIGURES ARE AS
FOLLOWS (SAME GUIDELINES AS PARA. 1 ABOVE). FOR 1975,
EXPORTS FROM JAPAN TO TAIWAN ARE COLOR T.V. RECEIVERS
\$10,962,000 (YEN 3.3 BILLION), OTHER T.V. RECEIVERS
\$1,831,000 (YEN 544 MILLION) FOR TOTAL T.V. EXPORTS OF
\$12,793,000 (YEN 3.8 BILLION). REFRIGERATORS, \$342,000
(YEN 101 MILLION), AIR CONDITIONERS \$397,000 (YEN 118
MILLION), OTHER HOME APPLIANCES \$1,126,000 (YEN 334 MILLION).
1975 TOTAL EXPORTS \$14,657,000 (YEN 4.4 BILLION). FOR FIRST
SIX ONTHS OF 1976, EXPORTS FROM JAPAN TO TAIWAN ARE:
COLOR T.V. RECEIVERS \$4,819,000 (YEN 1.4 BILLION), OTHER
T.V. RECEIVERS \$1,388,000 (YEN 410 MILLION) FOR TOTAL T.V.
EXPORTS OF \$6,207,000 (YEN 1.8 BILLION). REFRIGERATORS
\$205,000 (YEN 60 MILLION), AIR CONDITIONERS \$492,000 (YEN 145
MILLION), OTHER HOME APPLIANCES \$805,000 (YEN MV MILLION).
1976 TOTAL EXPORTS (THRU JUNE) \$7,709,000 (YEN 2.3 BILLION).

4. EMBASSY RECOGNIZES DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN ABOVE FIGURZS AND
THOSE CITED REFTEL. THEREFORE, FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES, WE
ARE LISTING SITC AND BTN CODES WE INCLUDED TO REACH TOTALS
FOR EACH PRODUCT CATEGORY. (NOTE: IN 1976 GOJ SWITCHED
FROM SITC TO BTN CODE). 1975: T.V. RECEIVERS 724-110, -111,
-119, -121, -129. REFRIGERATORS 725-011 THRU -015. AIR
CONDITIONERS 719-121 THRU -129. OTHER HOME APPLIANCES 725-021
THRU -026, -031 THRU -041, -049, -050, -061 THRU -064, -071 THRU
-074, 0-81 THRU -086, -089, -091, -099, 1976: T.V. RECEIVERS
85.15-211, -212, 219. REFRIGERATORS 84.15-111, -112, -120,
-200, -300, -310, -410, AIR CONDITIONERS 84.12-011, -012,
-019, -020, -110, -120, -211, --212, -213, -219 -220. OTHER
HOME APPLIANCES 84.40-110, -190, -710, 85.06-110, -111, -112,
-119 THRU -124, -210, -220 THRU -222, -229, -230, -320, -390,
-410, -490, -500, 85.07-011, -019, -020, -030, 85.12-100, -210,
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